

# The Parish of St Paul's, Sale




## Holy Communion in Ordinary Time

Welcome to St Paul's - we are a Christian community within the Church of England and we are part of the Diocese of Chester. Whilst our worship is predominantly in English, we are blessed that our worshipping community shares many languages and we'd encourage you to ask for translations and/or bring along your Bibles.

We are very glad to welcome children, there is a special prayer board at the back of church for them to put their prayers each week, books and games for little ones and resource sheets for older children.

If you require gluten-free wafers please inform a sidesperson/welcomer before the start of the service. You are invited to receive communion in both kinds - bread and wine, or just in one kind - we know folks are still anxious about sharing the common cup. The service may be live-streamed

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## **The Gathering**     *Please stand as the choir enters the church*

We meet in the name of +the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

**All: Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All: and also with you.**

*Or*

The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

### **Words of Welcome and First Hymn**

#### **Prayer of Preparation**

*Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God.*

**All: Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **Prayers of Penitence**

*Please sit or kneel*

**The Summary of the Law** *may be read here*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:  
'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

**Invitation to confession**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name,  
Amen.**

*Or*

My brothers and sisters as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament.

Let us call to mind and confess our sins:

**All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,  
love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God,  
**Amen.**

Or

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

**All: Lord our God,**  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*cf Hosea 6*

**The Absolution** - *This is offered by the presiding priest*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life  
eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Or

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**The Gloria**

*Please stand*

*This is an ancient hymn of praise, a reminder of the angels who sang at  
Jesus' birth and our thankfulness on receiving God's forgiveness and grace.*

**All: Glory to God in the highest,**  
and peace to his people on earth.  
**Lord God, heavenly King,**  
**almighty God and Father,**  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father,  
Amen.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

*A prayer which varies each week it 'collects' our thoughts and prayers and affirms our faith in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At the conclusion of the prayer we say together: **Amen.***

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

*There are usually two readings one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. These readings are printed on the weekly pew sheet for you to follow or you may like to bring your own Bible to follow the readings. A psalm may be said in between the readings.*

### **Readings**

*At the end of each reading the reader may say  
This is the word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gradual Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading**

*We stand to listen to the Gospel and we turn to face the Gospel reader as a mark of respect if we are able to do so.*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.*

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*And at the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Acclamation of Faith**

*Please stand*

*All are invited to participate in proclaiming together what we, as those learning to follow Jesus, believe in.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**All: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*Or*

Leader: Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel*

*Prayers are offered for the church, the world, those in need, the departed and those who mourn and for ourselves.*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy

Or Lord, hear us

**All: hear our prayer.**

**All: Lord, graciously hear us.**

*This may be said at the conclusion of our prayers:*

Merciful Father,

**All Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

*please stand*

### **The Peace**

*Jesus tells us we are all part of the same family and that before we offer our gifts, we should be at peace with each other.*

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God

in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

*Or*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith,

heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

*Or*

God is love

and those who live in love live in God

and God lives in them.

*Or*

Where two or three are gathered together in my name,'  
says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'



The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We are invited to shake hands, wave or use the BSL sign for 'peace' saying to each other 'The peace of Christ be with you' or the reply 'And also with you'. Please be aware of and respect those who may be social-distancing.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*During this hymn, the bread and wine and offertory collection are brought to the altar. Our giving enables worship to continue in this place and allows us to serve our local community.*

### **Preparation of the Table**

*Remain standing*

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All: All things come from you  
and of your own do we give you.**

*Or*

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

**All: Amen.**

*Or*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All: Blessed be God for ever.**

Or

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Please remain standing*

*These are the great prayers of thanksgiving, each prayer has echoes of the stories and images in the Bible and from ancient liturgies. The opening responses are some of the oldest parts of Christian worship. The first part of the prayer praises God as our Creator, Redeemer and Lord of our lives. The second part follows the events of the Last Supper. The third part asks for guidance, strength and the Holy Spirit in our lives, and we offer ourselves to God's service.*

### **Prayer A**

The Lord be with you      or      The Lord is here  
**All: and also with you.      His Spirit is with us**  
Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;  
through him you have created all things from the beginning,  
and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross;  
you raised him from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us  
your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing/saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith;  
**All: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

*Or*

Jesus Christ is Lord;  
**All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free,  
You are the Saviour of the world**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:  
**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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## Prayer B

- The Lord be with you      or      The Lord is here  
**All: and also with you.      His Spirit is with us**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our  
Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

*Short Proper Preface, when appropriate*

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and *saying/singing*:

- All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup  
and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of  
sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of  
me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Or

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All: Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
 and gather into one in your kingdom  
 all who share this one bread and one cup,  
 so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,  
 may praise and glorify you for ever,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
 by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
 for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

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### **Prayer C**

The Lord be with you      or      The Lord is here  
**All: and also with you.      His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
 at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
 holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest, who has loosed us from our  
 sins and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you,  
 our God and Father.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
 and with all the company of heaven,  
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
 for ever praising you and *singing/saying*:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith

**All: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.



Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.  
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.  
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us  
all who share in this holy communion with your grace and  
heavenly blessing;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and  
in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory  
be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

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## **Prayer E**

The Lord be with you      or      The Lord is here  
**All: and also with you.      His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*(Here follows an extended preface or the following)*

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and *singing/saying*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith

**All: Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Or

Christ is the bread of life

**All: When we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Or

Praise to you, Lord Jesus

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life,  
Lord Jesus come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen  
in all the earth. Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms and bring us with [N and] all the  
saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

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## **Prayer H**

The Lord be with you      or      The Lord is here

**All: and also with you.      His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**All: You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he  
in us.

**All: He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friend's  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All: As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Please sit or kneel*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

*Jesus broke bread for his friends at the Last Supper and this bread is broken for us to share in the same way*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

*Or*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,

**All:** we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.

*Or*

**The Agnus Dei** may be used for the breaking of the bread  
*When John the Baptist met Jesus he called him the Lamb of God and in this prayer we address Jesus by the same title.*

**All: Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*Or*

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

*The consecrated bread and wine are offered and all are invited to receive either in both kinds - bread and wine, or the one kind. If you are able to come up to the altar to receive you may prefer to remain standing or you may kneel. If you are unable to use the steps please remain in your place or come to the front of the pulpit and we will come to you. If you'd prefer a prayer of blessing please keep your hands behind your back to indicate this.*

**Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.**

*Or*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*Or*

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Or*

Come to this table not because you are strong  
but because you are weak.  
Come, not because of any goodness of your own  
but because you need mercy and help.  
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love  
him more.  
Come, because he loves you and gave himself for you.

*The following Prayer of Preparation may be used:*

**All: We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the  
crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be  
made clean by his body and our souls washed through  
his most precious blood and that we may evermore  
dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.**

*The president and people receive communion, the priest may use the wording:*

*'The body of Christ/The blood of Christ'*

*we respond: **Amen.***

### **Prayer after Communion**

*We now join in a prayer expressing our desire to live and work for God's praise and glory, a short silence may be kept.*

*The Post Communion Prayer for the day may be said*

*We pray together*

**All: Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Or*

**You have opened to us the Scriptures,  
O Christ,  
and you have made yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Abide with us, we pray,  
that, blessed by your royal presence,  
we may walk with you  
all the days of our life,  
and at its end behold you  
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
one God for ever and ever.  
Amen.**



## **Blessing**

*Having come together in worship and prayer this day, we are prepared for the week ahead with its challenges, demands and opportunities.*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
+the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

*Or*

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
+the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

*Or*

May the Father from whom every family  
in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
+the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen.**

## **Notices**

### **Final Hymn**

*We stand to sing*

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ.  
Amen.**

*You are invited to spend a moment in private prayer after the service or light a candle at the votive stand.*

*All are welcome to the Church Hall for refreshments.*

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